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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A**

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Sir:

Please amend this application before calculation of the filing fee as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the paragraph beginning on Page 1, Line 5 and ending at Page 1, Line 16 as follows (the paragraph also is presented in clean form, attached).

This application is a continuation of co-pending application  
Serial No. 08/911,805 filed August 15, 1997, which is a  
continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.  
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which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.  
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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/188,224, filed January 26,  
1994 entitled, "Improved Inflatable Device For Use In Surgical  
Protocol Relating To Fixation Of Bone."